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(CORRECTION: DPS 85185 stated that the Flores family had "been removed from sanctuary in an Episcopal Church in Princeton, N.J. by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service." In fact, Ramon Flores (an assumed name), who has been living with his family in sanctuary at St. Michael's Episcopal Chapel at Rutgers University, was arrested by I.N.S. officials off the grounds of the Piscataway, N.J. church, as he walked to pick up his daughter from a day camp operated by the University. He was required to sign a document requesting a deportation hearing, and he and his family now face possible deportation to El Salvador.)

CANTERBURY AIDE HELPSFREE LEBANON HOSTAGE

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NEW YORK (DPS, Sept. 27) — Terry Waite, assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury for Anglican Communion affairs, who earlier this year was instrumental in the release of four Britons held by Libya,

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also played a significant role in the recent release of the Rev. Benjamin Weir, a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) clergyman who was kidnapped in May 1984 in Lebanon.

Waite's role was revealed at a press conference held at the Interchurch Center here on Sept. 27, several days after Weir's release. During the conference, Waite read a statement which included an appeal to those holding six other American hostages in Lebanon to meet with him for direct negotiations, previous talks having gone through an intermediary.

Soon after Weir's capture, the Rev. Frederick Wilson of the Presbyterian Church contacted Waite at Lambeth Palace about the possibility that Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie might use his influence on Weir's behalf. According to Waite, the Archbishop consulted Presiding Bishop John M. Allin of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, a member of the Anglican Communion, prior to authorizing Waite's involvement. Waite noted in his statement, "I would like to place on record my thanks to Bishop Allin and several members of his staff at 815 Second Avenue for their continued support and assistance."

The Archbishop's authorization was on the condition that Waite's independence as an envoy of the Church be strictly maintained. Waite himself said, "It's absolutely essential to recognize I work from a Church base. I am not in any sense an emissary of any government."

Runcie corresponded with Pope John Paul II over the matter of the hostages, and the Vatican has been active through diplomatic channels and in cooperation with Lambeth Palace in seeking release of the hostages. Waite also noted that he had had contact with a number of governments, including that of the U.S., which he said "always respected my independent position and ...They have always been cooperative and helpful in my efforts."

Having established an intermediary contact (whose identity he refused to divulge) with the captors in Beirut, Waite has been in communication with them on a regular basis for several months. He said, "It would have been my hope and the hope of my Archbishop that this whole matter could have been resolved without our involvement being made publicly known. When Mr. Weir was released several days ago, it

was decided that we would go public in the hope that a new breakthrough might be experienced at this opportune time.

"The Church will continue to do all in its power to seek to bring this unhappy affair to a conclusion. I want now to make a public appeal to the captors. I ask them to let me meet with them face-to-face and hear clearly their requests for myself. The churches, because of their apolitical and humanitarian stance, can frequently address situations in ways that governments cannot."

In a question-and-answer period following his statement, Waite reiterated his belief that "there are ways of loosening up the situation," even in an apparent deadlock. He held up Weir's release as evidence of some flexibility on the part of those holding the hostages, but refused to discuss details, saying that the situation was very delicate.

Although Alvin Puryear, president of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Program Agency Board, called Waite's role "significant" in Weir's release, Waite denied sole credit, saying "A lot of people have been involved in a variety of ways," not always public, and likened the situation to a vault, for which there are several different keys and combinations.

Weir was also present at the news conference and expressed his desire to do anything he could to assist in the release of the remaining hostages.

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FUND AIDS IN
MEXICAN RELIEF

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NEW YORK, (DPS, Sept. 26) — Through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, Episcopalians are responding with compassion and generosity to the thousands of victims of the earthquakes which rocked Mexico City on Sept. 20 and 21.

Upon new of the earthquake, the Presiding Bishop's Fund immediately began the process of providing for the victims through the Mexican Episcopal Church. The Fund's offices report having received many calls from around the country inquiring on ways to help, and the Fund is now receiving monies to help the relief effort. It is also working with the ecumenical disaster response system.

Presiding Bishop John M. Allin sent a telegram to President Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado expressing the "sorrow and distress of the Episcopal Church in the fact of the recent tragedy in your country."

Richard Arellano, former United States diplomat, member of Christ Church Mexico City and an eye witness of the earthquake, told officers of the Episcopal Church Center in New York that "the human tragedy is beyond description." He noted that there are thousands of children in need of immediate help. "I hope that we can release all the resources of the Episcopal church to help those in need," he said. Arellano added that long-term planning is necessary if effective help is to be given. "I worry for those in need once the earthquake is no longer front-page news," he said.

So far, news received at the World Mission unit at the Episcopal Church Center indicates that all Episcopal clergy and churches in Mexico are safe, but in a circular letter to former members, the Rev. Carl Shannon, rector of Christ Church, Mexico City, said that the city looks "like an aerial bombing" had occurred.

The Ven. Sabino Reybal of the Diocese of Northern Mexico in Monterrey was dispatched to Mexico City to get news from the Church there. He reported at his return that no one had been hurt, but that news from small villages was slow in coming and sketchy. He added that

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Bishop Jose G. Saucedo and his family are safe and are helping in emergency tasks.

The Episcopal Diocese of Central and South Mexico, in which the earthquake occurred, has 29 clergy, 92 parishes and missions, and approximately 15,000 baptized members.

The Church of All Saints in Pasadena, Calif. is sponsor of an airlift of supplies for the victims. The Rev. David Perry, who is in charge of the operation, said that a special offering was taken on Sept. 22 for that purpose.

Those wishing to aid the relief effort in Mexico may send their contributions, so marked, to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

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ARCIC NEARS AGREEMENT

ON SALVATION ISSUES

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GRAYMOOR, New York (DPS, Sept. 26) -- The second Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC-II) held its third annual meeting here, Aug. 26 - Sept. 4, 1985 -- the first such dialogue to take place in the U.S. The major part of the Commission's time was given to its continuing work on the subject of salvation and the Church. It worked intensively on this theme, but held back on making a statement for a year -- "until every word and comma is right," according to Roman Catholic commission member, the Rev. Edward Yarnold of Oxford, England.

In dealing with this issue, the Commission is confronting one of the major issues about which there has been sharp disagreement in the past. The Commission has been concerned with examining the historical problems, considering the ways in which Catholics and Anglicans have perceived each other's positions. The Commission believes that it has now established a framework for substantial agreement on this matter. Bishop Mark Santer of Kensington, England, the Anglican co-chairman, said panel members have concluded that the historical differences on salvation were not, in themselves, serious enough to justify the split, and there are no grounds for a continued breach of communion.

The somewhat different emphases of Protestant and Catholic theology on salvation can be viewed as complementary rather than contradictory, said Yarnold. "We need both a Protestant and a Catholic spirituality," he added.

Work has also begun on the theme of growth in reconciliation, including consideration of the difficulties that arise in relation to reconciliation of ministries. In this context, there was joint reflection on the question of ordination of women to the priesthood in some parts of the Anglican Communion.

The meeting took place here at the home of the Friars of the Atonement, who pioneered the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and whose particular apostolate is work and prayer for Christian unity.

During the meeting, the Commission welcomed members of the United States Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission (US-ARC), together with

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theologians from the New York area. Distinguished guests here included the president of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference, the Rt. Rev. J. Malone and the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. John M. Allin.

On Sunday, the Commission went as a body to Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, where they met Cardinal John O'Connor. The Commission then attended a sung Eucharist at nearby St. Thomas' Episcopal Church on Fifth Avenue, after which was a luncheon where they were greeted by the Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr., the Episcopal Bishop of New York.

The second Anglican-Catholic Commission, set up by the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury, was given other tasks in addition to dealing with justification and salvation. It is to look at issues left over from the first round of dialogues, deal with reconciliation of ministries and look at further steps needed to bring reconciliation of ministries.

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DETROIT REAFFIRMED
FOR 1988 CONVENTION

by Richard Schmidt

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ANAHEIM, Calif. (DPS, Sept. 26) — The 1988 General Convention will be held in Detroit, as planned six years ago, despite indications that a Detroit convention would be more costly than conventions at other available locations.

The commitment to Detroit was reaffirmed by the Anaheim convention after authorities from the Diocese of Michigan consulted with businessmen and officials from the city of Detroit about the high price tag attached to the Detroit convention. They succeeded in lowering the cost of the convention from \$1.3 million to \$1 million.

Earlier this year, the Joint Committee on Planning and Arrangements had sounded out officials in Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky about holding the 1988 convention in one of those cities.

Time was, when conventions were more leisurely affairs than this year's version. The 1982 convention in New Orleans lasted eleven days, and conventions before that sometimes took two weeks. The 1985 convention is the shortest General Convention in history, an effort to save money on convention expenses. Reactions ran the gamut, from George Guernsey of Missouri, who said, "I'm comfortable with the shorter length" to the Rev. Lane Denson of Tennessee, who said, "I've felt very rushed. It's been hard to sort out one set of handouts before another set was upon us. And I would have appreciated some time for networking and renewing friendships."

The 1988 convention will be different from previous conventions in another way — it will be held in early July. Opinions on that date vary. Denson likes it: "There's just more time in the summer. Fall is a difficult time for a parish priest," but Bishop William Swing of California doesn't, because it is vacation time, and "Times of refreshment and renewal are very important and should not be sacrificed."

Discussions have meanwhile been moving forward on the selection of the 1991 site.

Five sites have been suggested for the 1991 convention, and others may be suggested. The five suggested cities are Indianapolis, Lexington, Louisville, Phoenix and San Antonio.

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NCC RELEASES REPORT

ON MEDIA VIOLENCE

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NEW YORK (DPS, Sept. 26) -- A recently released report, prepared by a special study committee of the National Council of Churches' Communication Commission, concludes that research now shows that "violence in the media does lead to aggressive behavior by children, teenagers and adults who watch the programs" and has a direct negative impact on the health of the society.

"The problem of sexually violent material in films and television programs has become acute, offending viewers of all ages," said Presiding Bishop John M. Allin upon receiving the report and recommendations from the NCC committee.

Recommendations -- there are more than two dozen to government, the entertainment industry, churches and the public -- call for application of the motion picture rating system to cable and broadcast television, a mandatory "lock-out" feature for all cable subscribers, and strengthening of the Federal Communications Commission. Allin commented on the recommendations, "I am grateful for the leadership the National Council of Churches has taken in preparing this report and in making these strong suggestions to the communication industry. I hope the report will be accepted as a helpful gesture, providing impetus for more self-discipline by those producing films and television material."

The study committee, formed two years ago, "was in agreement from the outset in its opposition to censorship," according to the Rev. James M. Wall, editor of The Christian Century, Chicago, who chairs that committee. The Rev. Canon Richard J. Anderson, executive for communication at the Episcopal Church Center and chairman of the NCC Communication Commission concurred, "The NCC report is not an attempt at censorship. It affirms freedom of speech and notes that many of those involved in the television and motion picture industry share the same concerns that brought about the study."

The committee compiled its findings and recommendations following a series of three hearings on the extent, causes and effects of media violence. Hearings were held in September 1984 in New York City, January 1985 in Los Angeles and June 1985 in Washington, D.C. Testimony came from more than 40 persons, including researchers, legislators, advertisers and members of the entertainment industry.

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CONVENTION \$'S AID

HUNGER, SOUTH AFRICA

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ANAHEIM, Calif. (DPS, Sept. 26) -- The 68th General Convention, held here Sept. 7-14, collected special offerings for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief toward the relief of world hunger and for Nobel Peace Prize winner the Rt. Rev. Desmond Tutu's work on behalf of the suffering people of South Africa. As of noon on the last day of Convention, more than \$20,000 had been given for these purposes by the bishops and deputies at General Convention and the delegates at the Triennial Meeting of the Women of the Episcopal Church, the latter running concurrently with the Convention.

Approximately \$13,000 was given for Tutu's work as a result of a resolution, which reads (in part):

"...Whereas Bishop Desmond Tutu has spoken publicly and prophetically of the desperate needs of his people in this time of crisis in his country, therefore be it

Resolved...that the 68th General Convention requests the Presiding Bishop, in concert with the Presiding Bishop-elect, to issue a special appeal to the Church, to be given through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, for funds for Bishop Desmond Tutu's work in the Church in South Africa; and be it further

Resolved, that an offering for Bishop Tutu's work on behalf of the suffering people of South Africa be received at the Friday afternoon, Sept. 13, legislative session of this Convention."

A special offering for global hunger was made during the Convention's period of fasting, from noon Sept. 10 until noon Sept. 11. Bishops, deputies, Triennial delegates and visitors were asked to fast and to contribute money saved thereby to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. The midpoint of this observance was the morning Eucharist on Sept. 11, jointly sponsored by the National Hunger Committee, the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and the National Commission on Social and Specialized Ministries. Its special theme was "Giving Hope to the Hungry."

The Rev. Canon Samir J. Habiby, executive director of the Fund, stated in his homily: "It is unacceptable, when the developed

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world is able to send men and women into outer space, that anyone should be hungry in this world." He also challenged the Convention and the Church to keep before them "the reality of the horrors of death by starvation that face many millions of persons."

\$6,685 was given for the relief of global hunger at the Eucharist and through the Fund's LOVE offering boxes at the House of Bishops, the House of Deputies and Triennial meeting rooms.

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BEVERLY ANDERSON TO

HEAD VOLUNTEERS OFFICE

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NEW YORK, (DPS, Sept. 26) — The Presiding Bishop recently appointed Beverly Anderson to the position of Associate for Volunteers for Mission in the World Mission in Church and Society unit at the Episcopal Church Center.

Anderson, who succeeds the Rev. Clifford Waller in the post, had served as assistant in the Volunteers for Mission office since 1984. Prior to that, she spent 20 years with the Diocese of Newark, where she served as diocesan administrator and secretary of convention.

A native of New Jersey, Anderson has studied psychology and cultural anthropology at New York University and Rutgers University. In his announcement of her appointment, the Rt. Rev. G. Edward Haynesworth, executive for World Mission, praised Anderson's "sure-handed professionalism, wide knowledge of the Church, good humor and...sensitive pastoral touch."

According to Haynesworth, Anderson will be directing the expanding Volunteers for Mission program in collaboration with the Rev. J. Patrick Mauney, coordinator for overseas ministries, and other colleagues in that department.

Reacting to her appointment, Anderson described herself as feeling "privileged." She said, "I'm very happy to be here...This program really belongs to the whole Episcopal Church, and this office acts as the enabler for people to have a part in it."

The Volunteers for Mission program was established by action of the 1976 General Convention to encourage Episcopalians to offer themselves in short-term voluntary missionary service both at home and abroad. Volunteers typically serve from six months to two years, offering their skills at the request of the local diocesan bishop. The program, which has grown steadily since its inception, is a major part of the global Partners-in-Mission response of the Episcopal Church.

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LUTHERAN-EPISCOPAL

STUDY GUIDE PUBLISHED

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NEW YORK (DPS, Sept. 26) — What Can We Share?, a resource and study guide for Lutheran-Episcopal dialogue, has recently been published by Forward Movement Publications in Cincinnati.

Compiled by the Rev. William Norgren, ecumenical affairs officer at the Episcopal Church Center, the book contains relevant Lutheran-Episcopal and Anglican-Lutheran dialogue documents as well as a discussion and process guide and questions for reflection. It is aimed at joint groups from Lutheran and Episcopal congregations.

In 1982, the Episcopal Church, together with the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, agreed to "Interim Eucharistic Sharing," of the Lord's Supper on special occasions.

These decisions were based upon two domestic and one international dialogue, carried on primarily between church leaders. The introduction to the new book points out that it is "the first collection of the theological sections of these reports for the use of the laity and clergy of both traditions," and goes on to say, "The real significance of the 1982 agreement will be seen, not simply in the continuing theological work of official Lutheran-Episcopal dialogue, but in the response of local Lutheran and Episcopal churches." The 1985 General Convention, held earlier this month in Anaheim, Calif., recognized this with a resolution encouraging dioceses and congregations to "seek more opportunities for mutual prayer and support, covenants and agreements, common study, and joint programs of ministry and mission between Lutherans and Episcopalians to give greater substance and meaning to the many instances of Interim Sharing of the Eucharist now taking place."

The book encourages the initial development of friendships between members of Lutheran and Episcopal congregations and outlines a three-step process for encouraging local dialogue, including the agreement of the group on a joint statement of understanding, a resolution and a statement of goals. The joint group is encouraged to take their work seriously and to continue on a path based on those pieces, since the "actions of local groups will be every bit as important in the work of reunion as those of the formal bodies."



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OUTLINE OF EPISCOPAL

INDIAN MINISTRY AVAILABLE

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NEW YORK (DPS, Sept. 26) — What significance does the year 1606 have for Episcopal ministry to Native Americans? Well, in a way, that's the year it all started — when King James I granted the Jamestown Charter and specified that the Virginia settlers preach the Gospel to the surrounding Indian populace.

That fact serves as a kick-off point for "The Native American in the Mission and Ministry of the Episcopal Church", a brochure recently produced by the Native American Ministries Office in the National Mission in Church and Society unit at the Episcopal Church Center. The piece traces the history of the Episcopal Church's ministry with Native Americans and gives an overview of the present state of that ministry.

From its beginnings at Jamestown and among the Iriquois in what is now New York state, the Episcopal Church mission to the Indians moved west: in the 1800's, when the federal government parceled out Indian tribes to the various Christian denominations, the peoples of the Great Lakes and Plains regions went mostly to the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches. Today, the largest number of Episcopal Indians -- 10,000 — live in the Diocese of South Dakota, but there are congregations in the Dioceses of Central New York, Central Gulf Coast, Southwestern Virginia, Western New York, Western North Carolina, Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, Milwaukee, Oklahoma, Rio Grande, Alaska, Oregon, California, Los Angeles, all eight dioceses of Province VI and the Navajoland Area Mission, which covers parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

Since its establishment by the Executive Council in 1969, the National Committee on Indian Work has served as "the liaison, advocate and program agency for American Indians and Alaska Natives in relation to the Episcopal Church." Its purposes include development of both lay and clerical leadership among Native American people, promotion of ministry among them and promotion of cross-cultural communication.

The brochure, which is available free upon request, is current through this summer in its description of ongoing work, and will be updated on a regular basis, as printed stocks are depleted. For information, contact the Native American Ministries Office, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.



BISHOP-ELECT'S SPOUSE:

'A VERY CLOSE FAMILY'

DPS 85196

by Ruth Nicaastro

ANAHEIM, Calif. (DPS, Sept. 26) — Near the end of the 68th General Convention, held here Sept. 7-14, Patti Browning admitted to being still in something of a state of shock, though it was a "proud and happy" shock.

"I can't quite believe it's happened," she said of the election of her husband, the Rt. Rev. Edmond L. Browning, as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

Asked about her plans regarding the move to New York, Mrs. Browning said, "We just have not had one moment yet to even talk about that. I have no idea where we're going to be living."

Mrs. Browning will remain in Hawaii until their youngest son, John, graduates from high school in June.

"One thing I know is going to be hard," she said, "is that none of the family will be with us. We are a very close family."

The Brownings' children range in age from 30 to 17. Their eldest son, Mark, is an attorney with the prosecutor's office in Honolulu; their daughter, Paige, will soon graduate from architectural school at the University of Hawaii, and expects to stay there; son, Philip, is in his third year of medical school at that university; Peter, who appeared with his parents when Bishop Browning was introduced to the House of Deputies following the election, is a counselor at a residential treatment center for abused children in Los Angeles; and John will be entering college in California.

The closeness of the family was corroborated by Peter, who was born during the 12 years the Brownings spent in Okinawa. Particularly when Bishop Browning was a parish priest there, the family had time to spend together -- "more time than we have ever had since," Mrs. Browning noted.

"We all loved being in Okinawa," Mrs. Browning said. "It is a loving, child-centered culture. We sort of grew up there, and we

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truly hated to leave" (when he became Bishop-in-charge of the Convocation of American Churches in 1971).

Browning was first assigned to an English-speaking congregation in Okinawa. "We didn't bother to learn Japanese before going because we were sure it would be a short assignment," Mrs. Browning recalled. "But we loved it so much we knew we wanted to stay. That's why we went to the Japanese Language School in Kobe in 1963."

When they returned to Okinawa, he became priest-in-charge of a tiny Japanese-speaking congregation in a depressed area. "There were five members," she said. "We doubled the congregation the first day."

But the church grew dramatically and quickly. "Our children were the missionaries," she said. "By the time we left, there were 100 kids in the Sunday School."

This was also the period when the Brownings and the family of Alabama Bishop Furman C. Stough became close. He was in charge of another congregation in Okinawa from 1965-68. As the new Presiding Bishop-elect mentioned to the House of Deputies on the day of his election, the Stoughs are godparents to one of the Browning children.

Life was not always easy in Okinawa, Mrs. Browning admits. Some conditions were primitive. "There was an open sewer running all around the area where our house was. The kids were always falling in, and getting their cuts and scratches infected. Staph infections were common. We were really glad when we were able to get a real first aid kit so we could avoid some of that."

When Browning was chosen Bishop of Okinawa in 1968, the traveling began, and that has been a major fact of life for the family ever since. When he was Bishop-in-charge of the Convocation of American Churches from 1971-74, he was usually at home only three to four days of every two weeks.

"Once when we took him to the airport," Mrs. Browning laughed, "our youngest child said, 'Well, back to normal'."

The traveling continued when Browning was national executive for world mission and during his nearly ten years as Bishop of Hawaii.

"So we're pretty well prepared for all the traveling he'll be

doing as Presiding Bishop," Mrs. Browning believes.

She expects to travel a great deal with him, something she has not been able to do before.

"My ministry has been as a wife and mother," she says, "and to maintain the stability of the home because he had to be away so much." While in Hawaii, Mrs. Browning organized a support group for clergy families within the diocese. The group has grown and now holds annual retreats, maintains prayer chains, and sponsors retreats for spouses and clergy.

She hopes now there may also be some time left to pursue some new directions for ministry in which she has had interest but no time in the past.

"It will be hard — so very hard — to leave the wonderful people of Hawaii," Mrs. Browning concluded, "even though we are all excited and proud at this new turn in our lives."

For himself, Peter added that of course he was proud, "but I didn't need this to be proud of my father. I've always been proud of him."

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CHURCH NEWS BRIEFS

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NEW YORK (DPS, Sept. 26) -- In response to a request from the Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray, Bishop of Mississippi, the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief has issued an emergency grant of \$5,000 to assist in the relief efforts following hurricane Elena, which struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast Sept. 1.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (DPS, Sept. 26) -- In addition to electing a new executive committee (see DPS #85183), the 1985 Triennial Meeting of the Women of the Episcopal Church, which met here concurrently with the General Convention Sept. 7-14, also elected provincial representatives to serve on the new Triennial Committee. These are: Marjorie A. Burke, Massachusetts, for Province I; Joyce Hogg, New York, for Province II; Barbara Myrick, Southeast Florida, for Province IV; Eileen Witzky, Michigan, for Province V; Sherry Maule, South Dakota, for Province VI; Mary Gail Ruark, Oklahoma, for Province VII; Charlotte Green, San Joaquin, for Province VIII; and Thelma Wilson, Nicaragua, for Province IX. The new member for Province III will be announced at a later date. Two members of the 1985 Triennial Committee have been elected to work with the new members. They are: Lillian LaPorte, Maryland, and Anne Fulk, Arkansas. Liaison member for the United Thank Offering will be Thelma Blaine of New Jersey.

LONDON (DPS, Sept. 26) -- Members of the Evangelical and Catholic wings of the Church of England have joined forces in the "Association for an Apostolic Ministry," an organization set up to provide literature about the priesthood which would be an "alternative" to material supplied by the Movement for the Ordination of Women. Last year, the Church of England's General Synod voted in favor of women's ordination, but the alliance hopes, in the elections for this year's Synod, to prevent the two-thirds majority necessary on the next vote for the measure to become law.

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LONDON (DPS, Sept. 26) -- Bishops of the Church of England have published a code of practice which calls for the appointment of "visitors" to counsel deserted wives of clergymen and help them with housing and family problems. Clergy and their families here have rent-free housing, and finding low-cost housing is often among the most traumatic things facing wives and children involved in clergy marriage breakup. The committee also calls on each diocese to establish a contingency fund to aid abandoned clergy wives.

NEW YORK (DPS, Sept. 26) -- The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, here, joined with the Vatican Mission to the U.N. and Holy Family Roman Catholic Church to sponsor an interdenominational ceremony, held at Holy Family, asking God's blessing on the United Nations 40th General Assembly, which began Sept. 17. The service was hosted by Cardinal John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, and was attended by Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar; former president of the General Assembly, Ambassador Paul Lusaka; members of international Roman Catholic organizations; diplomats from the 159 U.N. member states and members of New York's international community.

LONDON (DPS, Sept. 26) -- Shortly after the publication of an article in which Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie urged the Church of England to be generous to divorcees who wish to remarry, his son, James, announced his own intention to marry a divorcee. Runcie will bless the couple at Lambeth Palace following a civil ceremony. The Archbishop has often argued for a compassionate approach to divorce and remarriage. His recent article, which appeared in Women's Realm, a nationally popular weekly, said, "I've known many people seeking a second marriage determined to build something positive from the faults, the failure and misunderstandings of the first. And if they're entering into the marriage with a genuine desire to make it work, I believe they should be given the blessing of the Church." He cited some of the many reasons why marriages fail -- some simply die, others fall to mistaken expectations. He also noted life expectancy changes: "200 years ago, the expectation of marriage was 15 years. Now it's around 50 years."

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WASHINGTON (DPS, Sept. 26) -- The Rt. Rev. John T. Walker and the Rev. Provost Charles A. Perry have announced the appointment of Suzy Mink to be director of development for the Washington Cathedral. Mink came to the Cathedral four years ago to direct the Annual Fund, having held a similar position at her alma mater, Hollins College, in Virginia. She has since served as associate director of development for major gifts and deputy director of development. In 1980, Mink was one of the Olympic torch bearers for the winter games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

WASHINGTON (DPS, Sept. 26) -- The Rev. Kwasi Thornell is the new Canon Missioner at the Washington Cathedral. Thornell, who was vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Louis, when he accepted the call, will have as his special province relating the Cathedral to the City of Washington and the city to the Cathedral. He will also develop and participate in ecumenical programs and be involved in the design of special worship services. While in the Diocese of Missouri, Thornell served as a member of the Standing Committee, the Nigerian Task Force and the Task Force on Racism, as well as being a member of the St. Louis Public School Desegregation Committee and chairing the St. Louis Committee to Free South Africa. He attended the recent General Convention as a Deputy from the diocese, the second time he has so served. Prior to his work at St. Stephen's, he was Deputy for Urban Mission in Missouri, and has served at Intercession, New York; Grace, Detroit; and as director of the Alexander Crummel Center for Worship and Learning.

AMBRIDGE, Pa. (DPS, Sept. 26) -- In late June, the Association of Theological Schools accepted Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry here as an accredited member. Founded in 1975 by a group of clergy and laity in western Pennsylvania, Trinity opened in the fall of 1976. It had three full-time faculty members and 17 students. The Rt. Rev. Alfred Stanway, retired bishop of Central Tanganyika in Tanzania, East Africa, was the founding dean. This year's incoming class of 30 will bring the student body to approximately 130 -- 80 full-time and 50 part-time students, including three from East Africa. Trinity offers a three

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or four year master of divinity degree and a one year lay studies diploma. An application for degree-granting status for a master of arts in religion program from the state of Pennsylvania is pending.

NEW YORK (DPS, Sept. 26) -- An American Committee is being formed under the chairmanship of Henry Darlington, Jr., to assist the work of an Episcopal Church in Florence, Italy. The "Friends of Saint James," as they are called, will include both American and European residents who have either had personal contact with "The American Church" and those who have a particular love for the city of Florence, sometimes known as "the cultural gem of the Western world." Early members of the Committee include Presiding Bishop John M. Allin, Cyrus Vance, Robert Gordon (a former consul-general and ambassador), and Paul G. Pennoyer, Jr., whose ancestor, J. Pierpont Morgan, was a major donor to the present church, built in 1907.

NEW YORK (DPS, Sept. 26) -- A new version of "Mission in Many Places", a slide and cassette presentation on the overseas work of the Episcopal Church, is available on a loan basis from the Office of Communication at the Episcopal Church Center here. The presentation lasts 18 minutes and shows 133 slides, which portray the many facets of the work of the Episcopal Church around the world. The principle of partnership in mission is explained in practical terms, and Episcopalians have the opportunity to see what their offerings do in evangelistic, relief, development and educational work. "The presentation is an excellent educational tool so that our people can understand the scope and magnitude of our work," said Bishop G. Edward Haynsworth, executive for world mission at the Episcopal Church Center. The slides and cassettes are available from: Office of Communication, Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017; phone: (212) 867-8400.

LONDON (DPS, Sept. 26) -- The Anglican Consultative Council announced this summer that its Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission, which was set up five years ago, has completed its work ahead of schedule. It did not, however, reach complete agreement. Based

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here, the Commission is made up of 14 members of Anglican churches from North American, the Pacific, Africa, Asia and Europe. Findings are being revised and will be published early in 1986 for consideration by member churches of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The Council expects the document to be considered fully by the bishops attending the 1988 Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, England. Secretary of the Commission, the Rev. George Braund, said, "Complete agreement was not achieved, but it became clear that insights arising from one context could illuminate those of others, and that a multi-cultural and pluralist church had the possibility of fuller understanding of the Gospel."

SANTANA DO LIVRAMENTO, Brazil (DPS, Sept. 26) — Carmen Etel Alves Gomes has become the first woman to be ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church of Brazil; she will serve a mission church here, near the border with Uruguay. She has served in Church leadership positions since her early youth, and her brother, Naudal, is a priest and was her presenter. More than 300 people attended the ceremony.

SEWANEE, Tenn. (DPS, Sept. 26) — The Rev. W. Richard Kew has been appointed the first executive director of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge/United States of America (SPCK/USA), founded here in 1983. Prior to his appointment, Kew had served for 16 years in parish ministry, both in England and the United States. Throughout, he has had a particular interest in Christian education and the worldwide mission of the Church. He was a founding member of the South American Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church and served as chairman of its board of trustees from its inception until 1984. SPCK/USA's stated purpose is to raise funds to enable the development and distribution of Christian literature within Christian communities throughout the world. Its parent organization, SPCK of London, was founded nearly 300 years ago as the first English missionary society.

SEWANEE, Tenn. (DPS, Sept. 26) — A church stewardship manual written by William U. Whipple, vice-president for development at the University of the South, has been translated into Spanish by the Episco-

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pal Church Center in New York. "Stewardship Program Manual: Prepared for the Episcopal Church," was published in English last year and is already being used by congregations in 28 dioceses, including the Diocese of the Northern Philippines. According to the Rev. Herbert Arrunategui, national hispanic officer, the initial printing of the Spanish edition (1,000 copies) will be utilized by hispanic congregations in the United States. The manual provides a comprehensive stewardship program for parishes that strives to also be sensitive to the mission of the Church and is based on Whipple's more than 20 years as a stewardship consultant to parishes, dioceses and Church-related institutions.

YORK, England (DPS, Sept. 26) -- Repair work continues -- reportedly ahead of schedule -- on York Minister cathedral, partially destroyed by fire a year ago July. But craftsmen have discovered they need at least 20 great oaks, free from imperfections, and aged between 200 and 300 years -- they must be a minimum of 60 feet high, so that 52 lengths, 40 feet each, can be cut from them. The Minister has already received many oaks from all over the nation, which are being used to rebuild the vaulted ceiling of the fire-ravaged south transept with 200 oak ribs. The giant oaks are needed to support the top of the roof. It is believed that this is the first time rebuilding work of this scale has been attempted, and the work is expected to take five years to complete.

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